

**BEFORE**  
**THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

**DOCKET NO. 2014-        -WS**

Joint Application of Carolina Water Service, Inc., United Utility Companies, Inc., Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc., and Southland Utilities, Inc. for approval of transfer of stock and merger.	)	<b>MOTION TO WAIVE HEARING AND FOR EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION</b>
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Carolina Water Service, Inc. ("CWS"), United Utility Companies, Inc. ("United"), Utilities Services of South Carolina, Inc. ("USSC"), and Southland Utilities, Inc. ("Southland"), (collectively the "Joint Applicants"), have jointly applied to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") for approval of the transfer of the stock and subsequent merger, and the related transfer of water and sewer facilities, territories, and certificates of public convenience and necessity of United, USSC and Southland to CWS. The Joint Applicants move pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-829 and other applicable rules of practice and procedure of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") for expedited review of the Application and waiver of a hearing. In support of this motion, the Joint Applicants would show that:

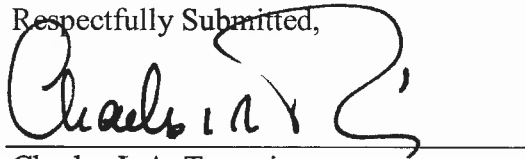
1.        The Joint Applicants have filed a verified application with detailed information about their planned merger, sufficient to inform the Commission and the public of the transaction and its consequences.
2.        Approval of the Application will result in greater administrative efficiency and judicial economy.

3. Approval of the Application will have no effect on customers' rates or service.
4. Expedited consideration of this matter will not prejudice the rights of the parties or negatively affect the public.
5. There are no contested issues in this docket.

WHEREFORE, the Joint Applicants respectfully request that the Commission decide the proceeding without holding a hearing and grant their request for approval of the Application on an expedited basis.

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Respectfully Submitted,



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